CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 20, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Pro Tem Cordero called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
PRESENT: Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, and Councilmember Waterfield.

ABSENT: Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Marshal James Austin, Acting Deputy Fire Chief Jim Clayton, Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le (remote), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary, and Business Program Leader Alexandra Valadez

1 PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. **LIGHTS, SIGHTS, AND HOLIDAY NIGHTS HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST.** The City Council received a presentation of the 26th Annual Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Holiday Decoration Contest awards. Winners were the Meza Family (Best Decorated Rookie); Evans Family (Country Christmas); Lopez Family (Home Spun Holiday); Mariscal Family (California Dreamin'); Snyder Family (Simply Christmas); Melody Family, Graef Family, Bertrand Family, Cortez Family (Honorable Mentions); and Bernard Family, Price Family, Kosmala Family, Dickerson Family, and Melena Family (Holiday Hall of Fame).

B. **PROCLAMATION** - Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing January 15 through 21, 2023, as Respect for Life Week. Jon Lindgren accepted the Proclamation.

2 CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS & REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

A. **CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.** The City Council approved the Certification of the 2022 General Municipal Election and followed standard procedures to reorganize the City Council. Chief Deputy City Clerk gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution reciting the outcome of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022, in conjunction with the Statewide General Election, and accepting the County Clerk's certification and results of the official canvass; and follow standard procedures to reorganize the City Council.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-123. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

B. **COMMENDATION:** Mayor Pro Tem Cordero presented Councilmember Waterfield with a Proclamation honoring and commending her for 8 years of elected City Council service, more than 30 years of public service, and numerous contributions to the community.

Public input
Laurie Tamura recalled several years of working with Ms. Waterfield when she was on the Planning Commission and thanked her for the collaboration.

C. **OATHS OF OFFICE.** Chief Deputy City Clerk White administered the Oaths of Office to re-elected Councilmember Gloria Soto and newly elected Councilmember Maribel Aguilera-Hernandez.

D. **REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** Re-elected and Elected Officers were seated and given the opportunity to say a few words.

3 SHORT RECESS - 15 MINUTES
Mayor Pro Tem Cordero called a brief recess to allow meeting attendees to congratulate the elected Councilmembers.

4 RECONVENE AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Cordero reconvened the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez, and Councilmember Soto.

ABSENT: Mayor Patino

5 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Isaac Berumen spoke about being a small business owner in Santa Maria for over 40 years and welcomed the new and re-elected Councilmembers.

6 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 6A - 6O (except 6B) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-124, 2022-125, 2022-126, 2022-127, 2022-128, 2022-129, 2022-130, 2022-131, and 2022-132.

At the request of Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez, Item 6B (Minutes from the November 15, 2022, City Council meeting) was pulled for a separate vote.

The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 15, 2022.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Abstain: Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez; Absent: Mayor Patino. 3-0-1.

C. Adopt a Resolution cancelling the regular City Council meeting scheduled on January 3, 2023.

Action: January 3, 2023, City Council Meeting cancelled.
Moved by Councilmember
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-124. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving the extension of the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Hybrid meeting option extended.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-125. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

E. Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-06 amending portions of Chapters 9-04 through 9-76 of Title 9 of the City of Santa Maria Municipal Code concerning Building and Fire Code regulations, and International Property Maintenance regulations.

Action: Ordinance No. 2022-06 adopted approving the Building and Fire Code regulations.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2022-06. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

H. Receive, review, and file the Growth Mitigation Annual Compliance Report.

Action: Growth Mitigation Annual Compliance Report received and filed.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

I. Adopt Resolutions:

1. Rescinding Resolution No. 2003-31 and authorizing the examination of California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) sales and use tax records; and

2. Authorizing the examination of CDTFA Measure U Transactions and Use Tax records.

Action: Resolution No. 2003-31 rescinded and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration sales and use tax records examination authorized.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-126. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

Action: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Measure U Transactions and use tax records examination authorized.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos 2022-127. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the investment of City of Santa Maria monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and assigning officers authorized to deposit or withdraw monies in the LAIF.

Action: Investment of City of Santa Maria monies in the LAIF authorized.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-128. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

K. Adopt a Resolution approving changes to the City of Santa Maria's 2022 Investment Policy.

Action: Amendment to Investment Policy approved.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-129. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

K. Adopt a Resolution acknowledging receipt of the annual report for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for fire inspections of certain occupancies as required by Senate Bill 1205 pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2, 13146.3, and 13146.4.

Action: Annual report for fire inspections received.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-130. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

L. Adopt a Resolution approving the Final Map for the Enos Ranch West, Tract 6025. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review: Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), E-2002-060 (SCH#2007011082), and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Enos Ranchos Specific Plan.

Action: Final Map approved for Enos Ranch West, Tract 6025.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-131. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

L. Adopt a Resolution annexing and authorizing the assessment for the landscape maintenance fees to 1) Boomers Family Rides A2021-0002 and 2) 210 West Fesler Residence, DT2022-0001 located in the Northwest Landscape Maintenance District (Streets and Highways Code Section 22500, et seq.).

Action: Landscape Maintenance annexation and assessments for Boomers and West Fesler Residence approved.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-132. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

7 PRESENTATION

A. **THORN RUN PARTNERS.** The City Council received a presentation from Greg Burns of Thorn Run Partners, the City's Federal Advocate, to provide an update on past, present, and future legislative actions.

8 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.** This item was continued to the next City Council Meeting scheduled on January 17, 2023.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem appointment continued to the next City Council meeting.
Moved by Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Mayor Patino. 4-0.

B. **SUBDIVISION IN-LIEU FEES.** The City Council considered setting the 2023 values for raw land, land zoned as open space or public facilities, average household size, and subdivision in-lieu fee. Director of Recreation & Parks Posada gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Laurie Tamura requested that the item be continued to allow for input from the developer community.

Lindy Hatcher, with the Home Builder's Association of the Central Coast, echoed Ms. Tamura's comments.

Action: Adopt a Resolution setting the value for a developable acre of raw land, setting the average household size, and establishing the 2023 Subdivision In-Lieu Fee, in accordance with Santa Maria Municipal Code Section 11-9.05(d)(2).
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-133 and direction was given to work with the development community on a further increase to close the deficiency in funding for parks by increasing the average household size to reflect the demographic of Santa Maria. 3-1. Noes: Councilmember Aguilera-Hernandez; Absent: Mayor Patino.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the regular City Council meeting on January 3rd would be cancelled. The next meeting would be on January 17, 2023. Items on the agenda would include the Hometown Heroes Presentation, Businesses of the Month, the Bradley Square Parking Permit, a grant for tobacco sales enforcement, the annual board/committee appointments, the outside boards/committees appointments, and the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmembers Aguilera-Hernandez and Soto had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended a mobile home park meeting, a BBQ fundraiser for the Fire Department, the Freedom Monument Ceremony, a Downtown Revitalization meeting, and the badge pinning and welcome ceremony for new Police Department staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Cordero reported he attended the Freedom Monument Ceremony, the Downtown Revitalization meeting, the badge pinning at the Police Department, and a CCWA meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Cordero declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on January 17, 2023.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

1/24/2023

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria